

## **JASPER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting – November 7, 2012

The Jasper Redevelopment Commission met on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President John Bell called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

President John Bell	present
Vice President John Schroeder	present
Secretary John Kahle	present
Member Rick Stradtner	present
Member Ray Howard	present
Non-voting advisor Nancy Habig	present

Also present:

Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney

Kathy Pfister – Recording Secretary

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Kahle made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes as presented from their October 2, 2012 meeting, seconded by Rick Stradtner. The motion carried 5-0.

### **UPDATE ON METRONET**

Attorney Kabrick gave a brief update regarding Metronet. The resolution stating the City of Jasper as lead agency was drafted by bond counsel and has been passed by the County Commissioners. The Huntingburg Common Council is scheduled to meet on November 8, 2012 to also approve and assign the economic development area to the City of Jasper. Attorney Kabrick said Metronet, HJ Umbaugh and bond counsel plan to be at the December meeting to give an update and answer questions about the (Tax Increment Financing) TIF process and also the timeline and remaining steps that are still required.

### **POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE OF JASPER COUNTRY CLUB**

Mayor Terry Seitz appeared before the Commission to give a brief history of how the potential land purchase of the Jasper Country Club came to be an interest to the City. Mayor Seitz said the City was contacted in September of 2012 by members of a small group who were looking to sell the land at the Jasper Country Club, which had been previously publicly announced that it would be closing its business on December 31, 2012. Mayor Seitz said since the initial meeting, Greater Jasper School Corporation, Jasper Public Library and the Jasper Arts Department have shown interest in working in conjunction with the City at exploring the opportunities to develop a recreational campus on the property.

Park Director Ken Buck shared some ideas for the development, which include a splash park, a picnic area, senior fitness trails, an outdoor amphitheatre and handicap accessible fishing at the ponds located on the property. Mr. Buck explained that the opportunity for the large centrally located park was well worth exploring. In considering the purchase of the property, Mr. Buck said there are four city properties that are not used, or barely used, which could be sold to assist in the funding of the new land purchase. Those properties include the Lechner property near Precious Blood Church, the Bockelman property north of the Municipal Golf Course, the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Park and a property at Truman Road and St. Charles Street; totaling in all approximately 70 acres.

Discussion followed. On behalf of all the members, President Bell said the Commission will wait for the appraisal before moving forward on any decision making or recommendations regarding the proposed property.

City Attorney Kabrick said the City is anticipating receiving information on the required appraisal for the property within the next week and advised the Commission to schedule an Executive Session to review the appraisal and discuss any negotiations regarding the property. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to meet in Executive Session next Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in the Council Chambers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Vice President Kahle and seconded by Rick Stradtner to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

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John Bell, President

ATTEST:

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John Kahle, Secretary